

Application. No.: 09/734,158
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 15-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Toyoda, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233) in view of Eguchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,670) and Firth (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,517). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's claim 1 is directed to a communications apparatus that can transmit an e-mail or a facsimile. A facsimile is designated, then the facsimile is transmitted to a recipient. If e-mail is designated, the e-mail is transmitted so that a name or an e-mail address corresponding to an entered password is available to a recipient of the e-mail. Also, the name or e-mail address is available without opening an attached file containing inputted image data.

Thus, Applicant's claim 1 includes the feature of:

... a generator for ... if e-mail is designated ... generating an e-mail to which is attached a file containing inputted image data ...

... a transmitter for ... if e-mail is designated ... transmitting the e-mail so that the extracted name or the extracted e-mail address is available to a recipient without opening said file ...

This feature is supported by the originally filed application at page 4, lines 17-18. No new matter has been added.

Toyoda discloses a facsimile mail apparatus that can transmit an e-mail and can also transmit a facsimile. As acknowledged by the Official Action, however, Toyoda fails to teach extracting of a name or an e-mail address corresponding to an entered password or the extracting of a default name.

Eguchi discloses an electronic mail-capable facsimile machine that puts an e-mail address corresponding to an entered code number in the "from" field of the header of the e-mail. Eguchi, however, does not specify how the facsimile machine works when the user sends a facsimile, and the facsimile machine does not store a default name or a default e-mail address.

Firth discloses a network system in which a user logs in with a server by a user

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name and a password. Firth's network system has nothing to do with transmitting a facsimile by a default name or a default e-mail address.

None of the references of record disclose a communication apparatus that can transmit an e-mail or a facsimile where an extracted name or an extracted e-mail address corresponding to an entered password is available to recipient without opening an attached file. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

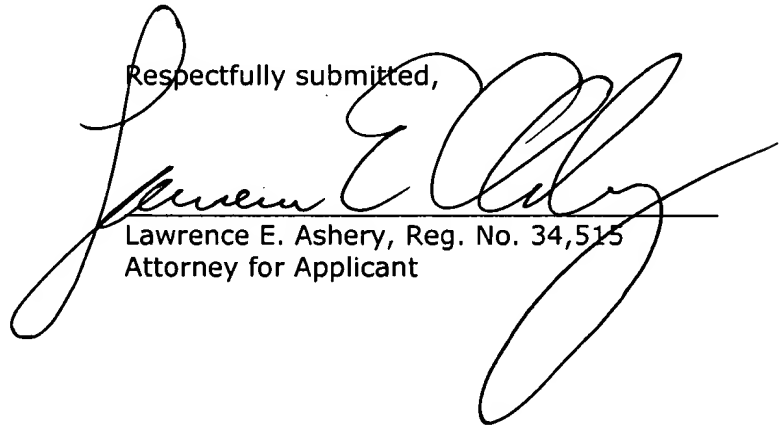
Claim 18, while not identical to claim 1, is also patentable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Claims 15 and 19 have been cancelled.

Claims 16, 17, 20 and 21 are all allowable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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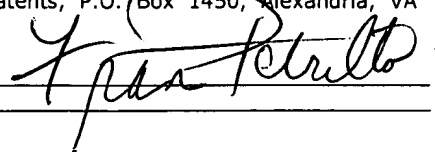
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